

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the upper and lower positioning means each ~~comprises~~ comprise a frame, the frames defining the interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the upper and lower positioning means are provided with a guide means for adjusting the plan position of an element within the interior space.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 3~~ claim 12, wherein the guide means comprises a first and a second pair of rollers which are moveable in mutually orthogonal directions across the interior space.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the connection comprises wire ropes.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the connection comprises chains.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the connection comprises link arms.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the connection comprises a pair of arms provided on one of the positioning means which are telescopically received in a pair of conduits provided on the other positioning means.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in ~~claim 9~~ claim 13, wherein before placing the apparatus into the borehole, a temporary shaft lining tube is placed within the borehole.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the orientation of the apparatus is fixed relative to the temporary casing by means of a plurality of locking rams.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for positioning an element in a borehole, the apparatus comprising an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means adapted to be fixed in the borehole each having apparatus therein to adjustably move the element relative to the corresponding upper positioning means and the corresponding

lower positioning means when fixed in the borehole for adjusting the plan position of the element at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length, and wherein the apparatus defines an interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

13. (Previously Presented) A method of positioning an element in a borehole, the method comprising the steps of:

i) fixing into the borehole an upper positioning means and a lower positioning means each respectively having adjustment apparatus for moving the plan position of the element relative to the corresponding upper positioning means or lower positioning means and corresponding at upper and lower levels respectively, wherein the positioning means are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length;

ii) lowering the element into an interior space defined by the connection to a required depth within the borehole; and

ii) adjusting the adjustment apparatus upper and lower positioning means to achieve the desired plan position and orientation of the element.

14. (New) An apparatus for positioning an element in a borehole, the apparatus comprising an upper positioning means formed as an upper frame and a lower positioning means formed as a lower frame adapted to be fixed in the borehole, each said frame having guide means therein to adjustably move the element relative to the corresponding upper frame and the corresponding lower frame when fixed in the borehole for respectively adjusting the plan position of the element at upper and lower levels, wherein the upper and lower frames are joined by means of a connection having an adjustable length, and wherein the connected upper and lower frames define an interior space into which, in use, the element is lowered.

15. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the guide means comprises a first and a second pair of rollers which are moveable in mutually orthogonal directions across the interior space.

16. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the connection comprises wire ropes.

17. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the connection comprises chains.

18. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the connection comprises link arms.

19. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14,
wherein the connection comprises a pair of arms provided on
one of the positioning means which are telescopically received
in a pair of conduits provided on the other positioning means.